

ALABAMA STATE–COMMUNITY RECOVERY TASK FORCES

Health and Social Services Task Force Meeting

October 13th, 2011

ATTENDEES: Amended

NAME	AGENCY & INFORMATION	NAME	AGENCY & INFORMATION
Gina Smith	ADECA	Jeremy Donald	Jones Group
Ken Hollingsworth	ADECA	Michael Sullins	FEMA/LTCR
Chris McClendon	Auburn Cooperative Extension	Kristin Kizziah	FEMA LTCR
Carolyn Bern	Rural Health Outreach	Chris Cunningham	FEMA LTCR
Annette Daugherty	Jacksonville State University	Lisa Turley	Project Rebound
Kim Craven	Calhoun MRC		

ACTION ITEMS

- **Determine options for providing financial literacy training to heavily impacted communities which have identified this need.**

AGENDA ITEMS

Financial Literacy Training

- Discussed different ways to deliver financial literacy. Examples include Money Smart Program (more in depth Financial Literacy Program) & VITA Program (IRS program/Volunteer Income Assistance).
- The Task Force wants to make certain that existing programs and programmatic infrastructure is leveraged to avoid duplication of effort and maximize impact.
- Impact Alabama is a VITA program headed up by Dr. Steven Black (of UA's Center for Ethics and Social Responsibility). This is an example of a preexisting program which could possibly be supplemented and leveraged to support financial literacy in disaster impacted communities.

Cooperative Extension

- There are program educators throughout the state that serve in the capacity of teaching health and social services and develop curriculum based on the needs of the community. Several different programs that include: The Reality Check Program & Income Tax Preparation

VISTA Program

- Discussed the Corporation for National Services as a method of obtaining skilled volunteers for extended time periods
- Walker (WACF), Winston, Lauderdale, Marion and Franklin Counties have procured the services of 5 VISTA volunteers
- Contact person for VISTA in Walker County is Viola Gentry

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- Habitat for Humanity is interested in learning more about VISTA

Project Rebound

- Discussed the list with the Project Rebound information that has been distributed. Project Rebound is making contacts by working with school systems and local churches. The toll-free number is averaging 90 phone calls from all across the state and linking them to local teams. Contact Chris Cunningham to obtain a copy of the list.

Other Issues

- Be aware of Tele Health Grants through HHS & USDA Tele Health equipment grants
- Chris shared with the group that the community committee teams are still in the field but will be demobilized soon